

W. B. BIDDLE ASSISTANT
FEDERAL DIRECTOR

W. B. Biddle, president of the St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad Company, has been made assistant federal director in charge of traffic for the Southwest division of railroads. The appointment, made by B. F. Bush, regional director, and approved by Director General McAdoo, was announced in an official circular issued yesterday.

Mr. Biddle will assume his new duties July 1. His headquarters will remain in St. Louis, though his territory will be much larger than that comprising the Frisco system, taking in, besides all the Frisco lines, the Missouri Pacific, Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific, Chicago, Rock Island & Gulf, Kansas City Southern, Texarkana & Fort Smith, Houston East and West Texas, Midland Valley, Vicksburg, Shreveport & Pacific, St. Louis Southwestern, Louisiana & Arkansas, Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe, Fort Worth & Denver, Fort Worth & Rio Grande, Missouri, Kansas & Texas, Wichita Falls & Northwestern, Texas Midland, International & Great Northern, Madisonville, Houston & Texas Central, Texas & Pacific, St. Louis Southwestern, Beaumont & Great North, Louisiana, Southern Pacific, Houston & Texas Central, San Antonio & Arkansas Pass, Gulf Coast lines.

Traffic work will not be new to Mr. Biddle, who began his railroad career in the traffic department of the Santa Fe. Later he became receiver in charge of the traffic of the Frisco and was also one of the vice presidents of the old Frisco company, finally succeeding the late W. C. Nixon as president of the new organization.

Residence South of Town Burns
The residence of Lou Murray, a Monett carpenter, burned to the ground between 5 and 6 o'clock Thursday afternoon. The fire caught in the roof of the summer kitchen and spread quickly to the main part of the house.

The house is located beyond the reach of the city water mains and the fire department made an effort to put the fire out with the chemical tanks, but it had gained too great a headway and their efforts were in vain.

A threshing crew close at hand assisted in getting out the furniture, and nearly all of it was saved. The house was owned by Mrs. Kate Ball, who carried some insurance.

Fred Salzer is in Kansas City on business.

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SCHEME TO RAISE
DRAFT AGE DEFEATED

Senate Votes 49 to 25 Against Fall Amendment to Call to Colors Both Older and Younger Men.

Washington, June 28.—Immediate extension of the present army draft age limits, 21 to 31 years, was defeated today in the senate, 49 to 25. The amendment proposed by Senator Fall, of New Mexico, to the \$12,000,000,000 army appropriation bill, to make the limits 20 and 40 years and all compromises suggested for different minimums and maximums, were voted down.

Settlement of the controversy, which has held senate attention for several days, cleared the way for the huge appropriation bill for tomorrow.

The senate adopted several important amendments to the draft bill. One authorized organization of the \$12,000,000,000 by the aircraft production board as a vehicle for co-ordinating aircraft production.

Affects Rights of Neutrals

Other amendments accepted authorize the new plan of basing draft quotas on the number of men in class 1, instead of upon state populations, and affecting rights of neutrals under the draft law. The senate previously had adopted the draft quota legislation, but it has been held up in the house.

The amendment affecting neutrals provides that citizens of neutral countries now subject to draft who have declared their intention of becoming American citizens shall not be eligible for citizenship if they claim exemption from the draft. This provision was offered by Senator Hitchcock, of Nebraska.

Mrs. J. A. C. Kellogg Dies

Word was received here Saturday morning that Mrs. J. A. C. Kellogg had died at the home of her son, Frederick Kellogg, at Webb City.

The body will be brought to Monett on the 9:40 train Sunday morning and will be taken to the residence on Seventh street.

Funeral services will be held at the Presbyterian church at 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon, conducted by the pastor, H. H. Koontz. Interment will be made in Oakdale cemetery.

Miss Beryl Gann, of Purdy, is visiting Mrs. Earl Eden.

Mrs. T. C. Smedley is visiting her daughter at Cushing, Ok.

Jack Anderson and Earl Niskern made a business trip to Cassville Saturday.

Mrs. D. L. McCubbin has returned home from Lebanon, Mo., where she has been visiting her brother.

Miss Alfa Goodnight, of Cartersville, is visiting relatives and friends south of town.

Mrs. Lon Perry and Miss Helen Perry went to Cassville Friday evening to spend the week-end.

D. C. Woods, an abstractor of Mount Vernon, was in town on business Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Probstfield, of east of town, are the parents of a son born June 11.

Mrs. F. T. Cooper and children returned home Saturday morning from a short visit with relatives at Nevada.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Linthicum will return to Monett the first of July, after being absent several weeks at Aurora.

Miss Maxine Tinkle and John Gatts were united in marriage Sunday afternoon by Rev. Aulick, of the Baptist church. Mr. and Mrs. Gatts will make their home at the old Tinkle home place, on West Anderson street.—Aurora Advertiser.

Mrs. Grace McGinnis and children, of St. Louis, who have been visiting her mother, Mrs. Phillips, left this morning for Springdale, Ark., to visit relatives before returning to their home.

Miss Lucile Baity has been engaged to teach a school near Covington, Ok. She is a graduate of the Monett teachers' training department of the high school. She is attending the university at Enid, Ok., this summer.

Mrs. R. S. (Major) Wilks, of this city, died from the effects of cancer of the face at the home of her son, five miles south of Aurora, on Thursday, June 20, 1918, and was buried the next day in Maple Park cemetery at Aurora. She was 77 years old on June 17.—Verona Advocate.

With the single exception of John J. Harrigan, whose address is Monett, all the young men called by the local draft board to leave for Camp Pike Monday reported ready to go. Two who had registered in other counties were transferred and went with the boys, making 44 in all. Hon. J. M. McPherson made an appropriate address at the depot and Dr. Fulton, in a humorous vein, told the boys how they would be inducted into the service. The usual big crowd was present and gave the boys a big send-off as the train pulled out.—Lawrence Chieftain.

GEN. PERSHING AND LLOYD
GEORGE ON LIQUOR TRAFFIC

General Pershing says: "Banish the entire liquor industry from the United States; close every saloon, every brewery; suppress drinking by severe punishment to the drinker and, if necessary, death to the seller, or maker, or both, as traitors, and the nation will suddenly find itself amazed at its efficiency and startled at the increase in its labor supply. I shall not go slow on prohibition, for I know what is the greatest foe to my men, greater even than the bullets of the enemy." Lloyd George says: "Drink during the war has used up as much tonnage as the Germans have sunk with all their submarines. Drink during the war has killed more men than have been killed by the German submarines. Drink during the war has destroyed more food than all the German submarines put together."—Ex.

FINAL DECISION IN
PIANO CONTEST CASE

The Springfield court of appeals handed down an opinion at this term of the court in the case of Mrs. Landon Cox, respondent, vs. Tutt & Osborn, appellants, in favor of Tutt & Osborn.

The case was decided in the Barton county court in favor of Mrs. Cox. An appeal was made by the defendants and the final decision was in their favor.

The case grew out of a piano contest promoted by the firm of Tutt & Osborn, in which Mrs. Cox, one of the contestants, believed that she should have received the piano, instead of the one to whom it was awarded. It has been hard fought by both parties. The decision by the Springfield court is final.

Funeral of Mrs. Kellogg Held Sunday

Funeral services for Mrs. J. A. C. Kellogg were held at her late home on Seventh street Sunday afternoon, June 30, conducted by H. H. Koontz, pastor of the Presbyterian church. Past Matrons and Patrons of Aloha Chapter Eastern Star No. 240 gave the beautiful Eastern Star service. Interment was made in Oakdale cemetery.

Mrs. Julia Elizabeth Kellogg was born in New York 73 years ago. She and her husband came to Monett to make their home a number of years ago. Mr. Kellogg died several years ago. Mrs. Kellogg continued to make her home at Monett after her husband's death.

Two months ago she went to Webb City to visit her son, Frederick Kellogg, superintendent of the Webb City-Cartersville Foundry and Machine Works, at Webb City. She became ill and gradually failed until death occurred at 8:30 o'clock Saturday morning, June 29. Her son is the only member of the family surviving.

Mrs. Kellogg was a cultured woman of unusual intelligence. She was a devout Christian, a faithful member of the Presbyterian church. She leaves many staunch friends at Monett, who are grieved at her passing away.

Dr. West Qualifies in Medical Corps

Dr. W. M. West has qualified for service in the Medical Reserve Corps and has applied for a commission. Dr. West has been very enthusiastic in the different war activities of the county and feels that if his services are needed in the army he will make an effort to help in this way.

It will involve considerable sacrifice for Dr. West to go into this work, as he has, by hard work, built up quite a reputation in his hospital here. His going would necessitate closing the hospital. Dr. West also holds the positions of chairman of the medical advisory board of the county, chairman of the Monett Red Cross chapter, registrar of this district and president of the Monett Medical Association.

SOUTH MONETT

Mr. and Mrs. S. Caudle and two children returned Sunday from a visit with relatives at Summers, Ark.

A son arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Scott Sunday, June 30, and they are going to call him James Franklin.

A party composed of R. B. Powers and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hayse, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Gray, Misses Mary Bush, Nelle and Besse McCormick and Harman Gray picnicked at McDowell Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Stuckey, of Cassville, came Sunday night to hear Sergeant Edwards at the Chautauqua.

Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Meador, of Cassville, attended the Chautauqua here Sunday night.

Miss Thelma Huffman, of Springfield, supervisor of the telephone exchange of this district, was in Monett Friday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. John Martin, Miss Neva Jackson and Ralph Martin, of McDowell, were here Saturday to attend the wedding of Miss Laura Luttrell to Charley Mathis.

A Statement to the Press

Under date of June 17, President Wilson issued a statement, centralizing the recruiting and supplying of workers of all kinds for war production in the United States employment service.

After August 1 no employer with war business who has a force of more than 100 workers will be permitted to recruit common labor and all such employers will be required to use the federal employment service. While the restriction against private recruiting for the present applies only to unskilled labor, as soon as possible it will be extended to include skilled labor, and eventually no employer may be permitted to employ men unless the latter have United States employment service cards.

By his statement the President approved the recommendations of Secretary of Labor Wilson, the labor administrator, that war-labor supplying be handled by the United States employment service exclusively. The secretary's action followed the unanimous decision of the members of the war labor policies board of the Department of Labor that the first step toward labor stabilization must be the centralization of all labor recruiting activities in the employment service. This board consists of the heads of the various arms of the Department of Labor and the production chiefs of the War, Navy and Agriculture Departments, the shipping and war industries boards and the food, fuel and railroad administrations.

The overcoming of present shortages and the insurance of war manufacturers of an adequate supply of labor for the future has made this step imperative. The war industries of the country are perilously short of men. The situation with regard to common labor is especially critical.

Centralization of labor recruiting in the hands of the government employment system is not intended as repressive. The prohibition against private recruiting activities is designed to insure the full manning of essential industries for the future, as well as to overcome existing shortages. One of its most potent benefits will be the reduction of the enormous labor turnover that has been caused by unregulated private competition.

Exclusively federal labor recruiting for war work through the United States employment service is the first step in the war labor program for labor stabilization. Standardization of wages is now under consideration by the war labor policies board, which also will take up the question of hours of labor, conditions, etc.

The new labor-supplying program of the employment service will be conducted in accordance with the following four cardinal principles:

1. War work must have men at any cost.
2. Withdrawals of workers from non-essential industries will be equalized.
3. The volunteer principle will be followed in dealing with the individual worker.
4. Only fit men will be sent to war industries.

The placing machinery, consisting of the employment offices, gridrons every industrial and agricultural section. More than 400 offices already are in operation and new ones are being opened daily. The recruiting machinery, which is the public service reserve, has some 17,000 agents throughout the country, and this number is to be increased to 25,000.

Pitiless publicity will be the recourse against any employer who fails to comply with the labor recruiting regulations. Any violation will be thoroughly investigated and the facts made public. Through its control over raw materials, the war industries board, represented in the war labor policies board of the Department of Labor, will provide a lever against any recalcitrant employer who may selfishly persist in disregarding the rules laid down for the stimulation of America's war production.

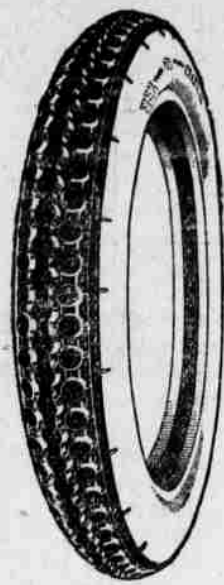
War manufacturers will be protected against inroads upon their working forces by private labor "scouts" by this centralization program. No longer can any shipyard or war materials manufactory take men from another equally essential enterprise. Farmers will be one of the classes of essential producers to benefit. In many sections, notably in the South and East, farms have been swept bare of labor by private recruiting agents. This practice will be ended and this year agents will be prevented from going on farms and taking away harvest labor at the time that it is most needed.

W. W. BROWN,
Federal State Director, U. S. Employment Service.

Waltrip-Shaffer

John Waltrip and Mrs. Artelle Shaffer were united in marriage Saturday afternoon, June 29, at Mount Vernon. They were accompanied to Mount Vernon by Miss Clara Shaffer.

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Fight on Broadway

B. S. Cisson, a paper hanger and painter, and Emmet Thomas had a "free-for-all" fight Thursday evening about 8 o'clock in front of the Falstaff saloon.

The fight started by Cisson refusing the loan of 50 cents to Thomas. Cisson was badly beaten up and was unable to appear in court Friday morning, and the case will come up Saturday morning for trial before the police judge.

Thomas was released under a \$500 bond.

Miss Myrtle Niskern has accepted a position in the Monett bakery.

Miss Hazel Tingley is visiting relatives in Springfield.

Mrs. F. M. Baity has returned from a two weeks' visit with her daughter, Mrs. Chas. Nowell, at Enid, Ok.

Mrs. W. F. Durnil and sister, Miss Fairy McCormick, returned Saturday morning from a visit with their parents, at Neoga, Ill.

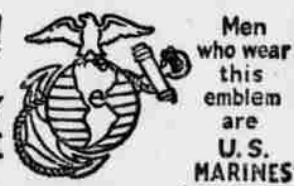
Mrs. Jewell Gay, who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. Charles Woodruff, returned Saturday morning to her home at Mound Valley, Kan.

Mrs. Grover Garrison is expected home tonight from Bolivar, where she has been visiting friends. Miss Mildred Shoffner will return home with her.

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